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Editorial

We can, so why can't 'they'?

Members will know that *Bufora* is committed to no particular UFO hypothesis: they will also know that whilst this applies to myself also, I feel strongly that in recent years many ufologists have been less than just in tending to exclude the ETH (*Extra-terrestrial hypothesis*) from their deliberations.

When and why did this trend away from the ETH begin? Really it started about a decade ago when many researchers, increasingly puzzled by the apparent proliferation of varieties of UFO experiences and events, decided that the ETH was no longer viable. I would not myself agree but another reason was given for the 're-think' as well "*we have to conclude that UFOs do not emanate from beyond Earth no 'entrances' are picked up on 24-hour radar*" became a parrot-cry in some quarters. There are, of course, three answers to this:

Firstly, why should we ever have been told if they were so picked up?

Secondly, there is only a 24 hour coverage on certain parameters, not a blanket coverage.

Thirdly—again a point often almost treated with scorn. Why should not such craft (if craft they be), have devices rendering them immune to radar detection? "*Pure science-fiction*" scoffed the sceptics.

Really? It is now science fact! Earth science fact! And, if it should turn out that UFOs *are* from other worlds, one would at least expect them to be abreast of our own scientific development, would one not?

Norman Oliver.

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UFO Research Fund inaugurated in Maryland US

Organised by a group of scientists, engineers and writer-editors, the *Fund for UFO Research* was incorporated in the District of Columbia on 1 August, 1979. Its purpose is to provide a mechanism for channelling money into research projects that will increase scientific knowledge about, and public understanding of, UFO phenomena. The *Fund* is a non-profit, scientific and educational organisation financed by contributions from the general public. Proposals for research or educational projects are reviewed by a 15-member National Board consisting of scientists, educators and other specialists. Those approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board are eligible for funding. The *Fund* will support high quality scientific research and responsible public reporting designed to clarify the nature and significance of UFO phenomena. No particular theory is advocated; instead, scientific data is sought that will help to evaluate current theories or provide the basis for new ones.

Proposals are accepted from any qualified person or group, without regard to organisational affiliations. Thus, members of UFO organisations or any independent members of the public are eligible for grant support. The Board considers only the merits of the proposal, which must have a concrete goal, and the ability of the proposer to perform the task competently within a reasonable time period on a contractual

basis. Anyone may submit a proposal to the *Fund*.

Examples of the general types of scientific research that the *Fund* anticipates sponsoring include:—

- On-site investigation of physical evidence cases with follow-up physical and chemical analysis.

- Analysis of purported UFO photographs or movie films.

- Statistical studies of accumulated data.

- Psychological and sociological studies

- Legal activities to obtain suppressed information.

- Historical research and documentation.

- Evaluation and development of investigative tools.

Public Education projects will also be considered and these would include the public exposure of hoaxes or inaccurate information.

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Prestel—a 'first' for Bufora

Bufora is now providing ufological material to the Prestel viewdata system via which dialled computer-stored thematic information is transmitted direct to the viewer's TV screen. More in our next issue.

Special Announcement



Bufora is honoured to announce that Lord Kings Norton, distinguished engineer and scientist, has consented to accept the presidency of the Association.

Lord Kings Norton has long been closely connected with aeronautical advancement and research, having numerous papers published on the theory of structures, wing flutter, gas turbines, civil aviation and airships. His many appointments in the 1930s included those of Principal Scientific Officer, Aerodynamics Dept, *RAE*; Chief Technical Officer, *Air Registration Board* and Supt of Scientific Research *RAE*, followed by wartime posts such as Dep. Director of Scientific Research, *Ministry of Aircraft Production* and Director of Special Projects in the same Ministry. Amongst subsequent appointments have been that of Chief Scientist at the *Ministry of Fuel and Power* and Chairman of the *Council for Scientific and Industrial Research*.

A past president of the *Royal Aeronautical Society*, his approach to the UFO enigma is a scientific one, his attitude being exemplified by his contribution to the House of Lords UFO Debate on 18 January 1979, in which he stated he was sure that most recorded sightings are terrestrial in origin, listing a large number of types of misreports, both rare and common with which the investigator/researcher has to contend. He does, however, consider a small proportion of 'unidentifieds' remains, and whilst he inclines to the view that these may well finally be found to be terrestrial in origin, he does not completely dismiss the conception of extra-terrestrial possibilities, though "he would still *be readier to accept some explanation in terms of what I might call the astronomical phenomena than ships from outer space.*" Nevertheless, though considering it "*a very long shot indeed,*" he does not entirely exclude such a possibility.

During the Debate, His Lordship stated that whilst he was sceptical of the more bizarre explanations and landings, it was his view that there should be a serious governmental enquiry into the phenomenon for several reasons, not least that there is a social danger in leaving people in ignorance of the origins of the phenomenon — "*the association of UFOs with mysticism and religion makes exploration of the phenomenon a matter of great importance and some urgency.*"

His Lordship's attitude closely reflects *Bufora's* approach and aims, and we are keenly conscious of the impetus his presidency will give both to the Association and to UFO research in this country.

Uforum

I agree wholeheartedly with your editorial comments in Vol 9, No 1, March '80. I should like to quote P M H Edwards, PhD:—

“Psychologists assert that the subconscious mind acts and reacts in unpredictable ways; we tend to shun things that we cannot understand; or else, we explain them away with reference to spiritualism, or magic, or a parallel universe or the like. If we are faced with a phenomenon which appears to disobey the laws of science as we know them, we sometimes state that ‘it couldn’t have happened,’ or some people who hold specific religious beliefs invoke divine intervention as the explanation—the ancient concept of *Deus ex machina*. This kind of reaction to the unexplained, so dear to ostriches, has bedevilled the interpretations of ufological incidents for a very long time, and it continues to do so, to some extent, even today.”

The present trend is not ‘to some extent’: it is virtually taking a stranglehold on our major organisations and groups, both in the North and South of the UK, and like the lemmings, we will virtually plunge in reasoning down the slippery path of self destruction—unless some of us have the courage to stand up and say that UFO organisations came into being in the first instance because of the ETH hypothesis

I only hope I am alive when our Earth probes are able to penetrate the enveloping ‘soups’ of Ganymede, Europa, Uranus, Pluto, Saturn and all their satellites

. . . . The complicated mental gymnastics ufologists get themselves into are pure human conceit. The evidence is there nightly for all to see—

billions of twinkling stars telling us we are not alone in the Universe.

Margaret E Fry,
Bexleyheath. Kent.

. . . . I find the regular *Bufora Journal* of most interest, and as an engineer used to reading professional research journals, I found the first issue of the *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* to be of a quite high standard. Keep up the good work.

Gerard Butler,
Dublin, Ireland.

. . . . A short note to congratulate you on your editorial in Vol 9, No 1. I find it refreshing to note that you do not lump all ETH adherents with cultists.

P B Grant,
W Malling.

Recently, a lot of discussion has taken place in various circles regarding the problems of common terminology, definitions and classifications in relationship with the study of UFO reports. Obviously, this is a major step forward, as, if UFOlogy is to be accepted as a truly scientific study, it must acquire universal standardisation in these, and other aspects. But surely, the first step in any study, is to ensure that one’s means of data collection—ie, the UFO investigator—utilises the highest possible standards. One cannot conduct a scientific analysis of the phenomenon if one’s raw data is questionable, as is often the case. One researcher likened it to ‘*building a house on weak foundations*.’ Sooner or later, someone will discover the faults in our ‘*foundations*,’ and its builders will be discredited and the ‘*house*’ will be torn down.

Many examples of researchers employing questionable methods (if they can be called methods) can be cited, but this is not the place for criticism of individuals. What can be done to stop these 'investigators'? Perhaps the organisations most striving for scientific involvement in the subject, organisations such as Bufora, must become extremely selective in choosing their investigators. Perhaps their training programme should be compulsory. I cannot say. But something needs to be done, either by Bufora on its own, or by the International Working Party. The latter is obviously the better, as I'm sure this problem is global. As Peter Hill recently wrote "Some research is of reasonable quality, but much is subjective and lacking in the basics of scientific method it is time that UFO research matured from hobby to scientific discipline." I cannot agree more.

Anthony Green,
SKYSCAN,
Member Society of Bufora.

Your Russian correspondent (*UFO Probe in the Kremlin? Vol 9, No 1*) is in error in implying that the existence of a functioning lightning conductor will prevent the occurrence of ball lightning. Lightning conductors give protection only against stroke lightning. Dr Dmitriev is certainly correct in his diagnosis.

Since you asked (*Editorial Vol 8, No 4*) I do think you are an idiot for suggesting that readers should propose hypotheses in which they do not believe. Debating societies are one thing, but the journal of a scientific research organisation is quite another. We have enough difficulty making our views plain to each other as it is, without the added difficulty of finding that the views expressed are not sincerely held.

Nor should you be surprised that the results (some of which are printed in Vol 9, No 1) are not what you asked for. Two are clearly jokes: we can do without the flippant attitudes expressed by Hilary Evans and H Urth (whoever *he* is). Self criticism is not the same thing as insincerity. By all means let us criticise our own beliefs, but I think it is foolish to mislead the reader

Stuart Campbell,
Edinburgh.

Well, I did invite anyone who thought I was an idiot to say so! As RIC for Scotland, Stuart has made a very detailed study of the Livingston CE111 case (a review of his Kensington talk will appear in a later Journal). He is particularly interested in ball lightning associations—and, indeed, his predeliction in this area is the subject of a cartoon elsewhere in this Journal. No offence Stuart! There was no room, unfortunately for some pertinent points on the subject of Time Travel, to be printed in this issue, and these will appear instead in January 1981. Other letters have also been held over.—Ed.

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Kensington Lectures

3 November 1979

Symposium on UFOs and Psychic Research

Speakers: Hilary Evans (SPR)
Manfred Cassirer (SPR)
Lawrence Dale (Bufora)
Norman Oliver (Bufora)

Presided over by former Bufora Chairman Captain Ivar Mackay—himself extremely knowledgeable in both spheres, this symposium was well-timed, for the *Society for Psychical Research* had recently convened a UFO Study Group, co-operation with Bufora where reports evinced areas of common interest having been agreed.

All four speakers were united in considering this a welcome development, differing only in emphasis:—

'There is much common ground for parapsychologists to explore hand in hand'—Hilary Evans.

'It doesn't follow that a psychic investigator should become a UFO investigator, but both should combine their skills when required'—Larry Dale.

'The expertise of the SPR investigator is pertinent to the UFO investigator—both can benefit by pooling their knowledge'—Manfred Cassirer.

'It would be wrong to attribute a psychic origin to the entire phenomenon, but there is a definite connection of a proportion of UFO reports with psychic phenomena and a good case for joint investigation in these areas'—Norman Oliver.

Hilary Evans' points included different interpretations of the same phenomena: 'fringe' areas of interest to both—*'the UFO cannot be studied in isolation'*: the Toronto *'conjuring up Philip'* experiment and the *'holier than thou'* attitude of the established scientist—

'were raindrops to be widely regarded as tears shed by the Virgin Mary, scientific circles might well deny their existence.' *'UFOs are real,'* Hilary concluded. *'There IS something out there: on the other hand, UFOs behave the way they do for reasons somehow connected with the people who see them. We have to reconcile the two.'*

Larry Dale's contribution included references to the capabilities of the mind in cases of precognition and to martial arts training, but his main theme centred on diagrammatical representations of the various dimensions, introducing a fourth factor *'Alpha,'* which could represent what one might refer to as subconscious or psychic realms. *'If intelligent life exists elsewhere in one domain, it is possible it exists in another,'* Larry concluded.

Manfred Cassirer — *'A little more formal,'* said he had yet to see many monographs by *'the senior discipline,'* evaluating common parameters, but disciples of the *'junior discipline'* had been more adventurous but perhaps not always equally knowledgeable. After making the point that *'for experts in other fields to profess expertise in our own was to invite disaster'* and various interface comparisons, Manfred concluded by comparing the attitudes of UFO investigation bodies towards *'Flying Saucer Cults'* with the attitude of psychical researchers towards *'Spiritualistic aspects,'* and he considered that the attitude of scientists unable to separate *'scholar'* and *'cultist'* was *'at least partly due to our own absurdly obsequious defensive orientation.'*

Norman Oliver referred to three categories of association: (1) Shared psychic and UFO effects. (2) UFO witnesses who subsequently experience psychic events. (3) UFO witnesses with

a psychic history and vice versa. He went on to compare the Raudive Voice Phenomenon with the 'Space Messages' received by the late Philip Rodgers—'both might come from a similar source.' Norman also maintained, however, that 'there are many reports of apparently physical craft also: were we not in danger of examining psychical aspects at the expense of the physical? Might we not also be overlooking possibly the most obvious place of origin—our own Earth?'

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8 December 1979

New thoughts on the ETH

Speaker: Wilfrid Grunau

Ruth Rees, president of *Contact International* and the advertised speaker was unable to be present. Wilfrid Grunau, *Bufo*'s new Treasurer accordingly stepped into the breach with a talk titled as above.

Opening with two questions: 'Are world-wide reports of UFO landings true?' 'If so, where do they come from?', the speaker proposed two possible answers. Either they are of this Earth and atmosphere or from Outer Space, and should the latter be preferred, then are they from our own solar system or another? He considered the concepts of parallel worlds and other dimensions were complicated and his preference was for 'a simple solution.' Accordingly, he invited his audience to assume the existence of intelligent extra-terrestrials 'not unlike us,' but predating our own appearance on Earth, by which time they would have attained considerable technological and other skills. However, he pointed out, such a hypothetical race would not necessarily possess a similar chemical structure, and, for lack of a better term, gave them the appellation of 'Silicon Man.'

Wilfrid then asked us to imagine that the population of a planet inhabited by such beings would have colder conditions than our own, adding that he was not attempting to be dogmatic or claim expertise on life-forms or planetary conditions but presenting a hypothesis he considered would still be valid were it to concern other completely different life-forms. Furthering this hypothesis, he asked whether such a race might not have developed space travel before Man appeared, and, indeed, have 'seeded' Mankind on this planet, then permitting natural evolution to proceed: possibly they could be conducting experiments in life-forms and genetic manipulation on other planets also.

The speaker then went on to suggest that whilst such a 'Silicon Man,'—to whom Earth's atmosphere might be inimical—would not often overtly interfere, from time to time, maybe with androids or robots, a 'helping hand' might have been given, both with Man's environment and personal development, and he asked whether, to assist closer supervision, 'Silicon Man' might not have transferred his own planet to become one of our Sun's planetary family, speculating that if so, it might well be far beyond the orbit of the outermost planet and as yet undiscovered. The variety of UFO events might turn out to be a ploy on the part of 'Silicon Man' to 'confuse the issue' until it was considered politic for their existence to be revealed.

A variety of questions followed, some suggesting extra-terrestrial tourism might be a better ET-type solution: others pointed out that Pluto could already 'fill the bill,' whilst a number present clearly considered the proposition was not to be taken seriously—or that it was 'sci-fi orientated.'

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The speaker, however, pointed out in reply that he was not claiming his suggestions as fact, but had been presenting them in the context of a hypothesis as deserving of consideration as many others.

Certainly a different—and, to some, provocative presentation of one form of ET possibility.

T Huntington

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5 January 1980

Extra-terrestrial Life

Speaker: Ian Ridpath

The January lecture was given by well-known writer and broadcaster Ian Ridpath: frequently consulted by the media on astronomical and space topics, he is also a contributor to the *New Scientist* and *The Observer*. The talk was based on his book *Messages from the Stars*.

Opening by telling his audience that over the past 20 years, the possibility of extra-terrestrial life had become scientifically respectable, he gave two reasons for this:—

- 1 The increasing possibility of other planetary systems like our own, and
- 2 The right chemicals for the formation of life are extremely abundant in space—amino acids have been found in meteorites.

Can we find life elsewhere in space? Saying we now have the ability to try to answer that most exciting question, the speaker added that this would be the most significant discovery in the history of mankind.

Two questions were then posed:—
“*Is ours the only sun with planets? Is Earth the only planet with life?*” Mr Ridpath pointed out that our sun would appear just an ordinary star from even the nearest stellar system.

Additionally, stars rarely form singly—they form as double, triple stars, etc, probably as a star and planet system: he felt the presence of liquid water probably leads to an abundance of life. Experiments with computer-printed planetary systems had produced systems similar to our own.

A ‘run-through’ of our solar system was excellently illustrated with slides. Mercury—an ‘*airless body without water, only 50% larger than our own moon. No chance of life here.*’

Venus—‘*bright cloud cover, the atmosphere almost all carbon dioxide, with clouds of concentrated sulphuric acid.*’ Such an atmosphere traps the sun’s heat with a resultant temperature of around 475°C. Again—no chance of life as we know it.

The Earth: Mr Ridpath commented that ‘Earth’ was perhaps a misnomer since it is mostly water, as indeed, are human beings. The dense atmosphere with white clouds of water vapour gives abundant liquid water and life is believed to have originated in the seas. The current atmospheric theory is that it was exhaled through the mouths of volcanoes. The majority of volcano emission is water vapour—this condensed and filled the seas. There has been some form of life on Earth for three-quarters of its existence.

Mars, the ‘Red Planet’ possesses orange deserts and other, darker markings. These appear green and were once thought to be vegetation. Could there have been life on Mars? There is a thin atmosphere and polar caps: large volcanoes and dried-up river channels. Conditions in the past may have been sufficiently good for life to have formed. In 1976, two *Viking* probes were sent to investigate, but pictures taken showed no sign of vegetation or anything moving. Soil samples were tested, but results were

somewhat ambiguous. Mr Ridpath considered it fair to say that *Viking* detected no life on Mars.

Jupiter: a gigantic gas body, 11 times the Earth's diameter, its composition more like the Sun than the Earth: in its clouds one permanent object—a red spot, possibly some sort of long-lived storm. First steps to the formation of life may be going on in these clouds and their colours due to a simple form of organic chemistry. From the *Voyager* results, however, suggestions that life may already have built up in them appear slim, though, the speaker said, it was possible that Europa, a Jovian satellite, may once have supported life, perhaps when Jupiter was hotter and acted as a sun. It had also been suggested that life may exist on Titan, one of Saturn's moons, but *Pioneer's* results did not indicate this to be a promising proposition.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, the outer planets, are too unsuitable and cold to expect life there. If then, there is no life on the planets, the speaker continued, what of planets of other stars? Unfortunately, it is not possible to send probes in any reasonable time-span: one can, however, send or receive radio messages, wavelengths between 1 and 30 being favoured as being less subject to background interference. Attempts have been made to pick up intelligent broadcasts, originally on

21cm, but nothing was heard: maybe receivers were tuned to wrong wavelengths or listening to the wrong stars. *NASA* have proposed a more comprehensive search covering the whole sky on a wide range of wavelengths over a 5-year period, but so far it has not proved possible to raise the cost—about 20 million dollars.

The Arecibo centre in Puerto Rico, though, has sent a message out into space. It was suggested this should not be done as it would give away our existence, but radio, TV and radar waves, etc, had already done so. The *Pioneer* probes passing Jupiter and Saturn carried a plaque which may be found as they wander through the galaxy. The *Voyagers* have a more sophisticated message—a long-playing record with instructions which contain encoded pictures and Earth sounds.

If messages are not received with existing equipment—what then? It may be possible to 'eavesdrop' with *Project Cyclops*—a number of 100m diameter 'dishes' designed to receive 'radio clutter.' Such complexes might in future be erected in space to avoid interference. If life were discovered, would we recognise it? There may be intelligent but passive life—contact would only be made by visit. These are questions it is not yet possible to answer, the speaker concluded.

Keith Goldsworthy.

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Report—Extra !

Presented by Norman Oliver

Margaret Fry, an investigator of long standing for Contact UK and also a Bufora member, has kindly given me permission to publish details of this intriguing CE111 case which bears some similarities to a report I referred to in a Kensington talk last year: it is also of interest to me personally since I know the area concerned extremely well.—Ed.

On the Common

Location: Plumstead Common,
London, SE18

Date: Monday 17 July 1978

Time: 7.45pm. Conditions: A fine
sunny evening (sunset 9.10
pm): no wind: no clouds.

In March this year, Margaret Fry gave me the following account of the experience of the witness—who I shall refer to as Mrs M. . . .

The witness is still in such a nervous state over the occurrence that she refuses to allow her full name to be used: several visits took place with her. Mrs M is 36 years old, has five children and lives with her husband on one of the roads leading down from Plumstead Common. The houses on these roads are continuous, terraced, large and roomy Victorian houses.

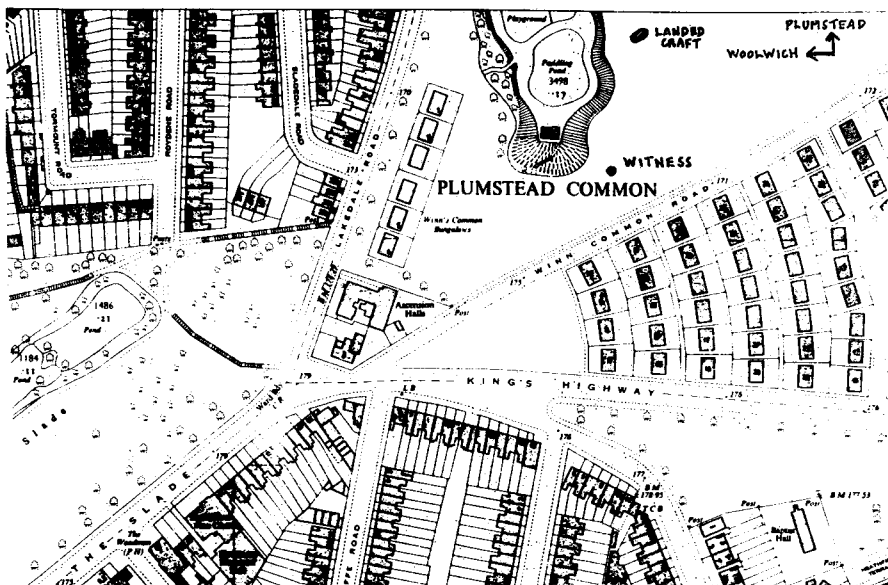
That July evening, she was taking her two daughters and the family dog for a walk on the Common, and as they were returning home, the children and dog ran on ahead. Mrs M decided to sit down for a while on the grass in a spot a few yards from a small copse of trees. A narrow road cuts across the Common just past this clump and a major thoroughfare passes right over the main plateau of the Common to Woolwich: the clump of trees is clearly visible from both. The witness, how-

ever, did not recall whether much—or indeed any, traffic was around.

Suddenly, the witness related, a large orange ball of light hurtled out of the sky towards the clump of trees. This ball settled on the grass on the Common side, beside the trees and Mrs M, by now in a shocked state, watched two small men walking towards her. Then, glancing to her side, she saw her father—who had been dead six years—sitting beside her on the grass wearing a suit. She looked again towards the approaching men, who now appeared to her to be near 5 feet in height, though her first impression had been nearer 3 feet. They were dressed like chauffeurs in peaked caps and fawn uniforms, with raised gadgets or buttons down the front of the chests. They stood in front of her and talked, but she could not understand them. She must then have passed out in fright.

The next thing she was aware of was her husband getting her into their car and of being driven to hospital. Mrs M remained there for several weeks, and, indeed, continued to receive treatment for about ten months afterwards. At first, she could not see at all—her sight was lost for about three months. At the beginning she had a rash on her face and arms, all the exposed areas of her body. In her own words, she 'lost an entire week after the incident' and was in terrible pain. When she saw the beings come towards her she says she felt all the energy drain out of her body and the blood go down to her feet, leaving her very cold.

Since this occurrence, her daughter J--- and she have felt a 'presence' in the house on occasion. The two



daughters (14 years old), one other daughter and the two sons have on occasion heard their mother's name being called, and other odd occurrences have taken place which the witness feels too nervous to talk about.

Though at first treated in hospital for 'nerves,' later, the psychiatrist who treated her decided that she had not had a nervous breakdown, but had had some sort of experience which he did not understand, but which he thought to be quite real. Neither those at the hospital nor the witness herself had previously given any attention to the subject of UFOs and little attention was given to the physical symptoms that accompanied her distressed mental state, which was made worse by neither she nor the doctors being able to relate her experience to a physical one within the framework of their own knowledge.

Coincidentally, on coming out of hospital, she met two people interested

in UFOs—both she and they had a child attending the same nursery school—who tried to reassure her by telling her of similar experiences claimed by others worldwide. Though at first relieved, she found that doctors at the hospital did not take kindly to UFOs as a possible cause of her condition and again became unhappy and nervous. Her eyesight has never fully recovered and she still wears dark glasses.

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The case of the expanding UFO: Or?

Our next report was received from author and former Bufora RIC Randall Jones Pugh who considers it indicates there are entities, visible and invisible, capable of capturing the intellect and body of an individual, suggesting that 'malevolent traits' may be manifested. At the family's request, their names and location details have been omitted

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On Monday, 7 January, Miss J arrived home at 1.30 pm and sat down in the kitchen: all other members of the family were out. At 1.50 pm she heard a strange high-pitched humming which lasted about one-and-a-half minutes and then continued to come and go. The family's two dogs—a cocker spaniel and a whippet—began to bark and whimper, which one of them rarely did, and just after 2 pm the hum became so high-pitched that it hurt the ears and Miss J went out to the back yard to investigate. In the sky was to be seen a metallic egg-shaped structure '*almost like silver*': around it lengthwise was an orange-red glow like a halo. The object was flying tilted on its '*side*' at a height of about a hundred feet and was the length of a large car. As it passed immediately overhead the witness felt a slight vibration in the ground and the walls of the house: there was also a strange '*chemical*' smell, first, like sulphur, then resembling a '*strong, sickly detergent*.' Its hum was very loud and as it passed away out of sight, Miss J felt an unusual tingling sensation over her entire body: she then returned indoors. About three-quarters-of-an-hour later there was a second experience. This time the same witness was sitting in the living-room watching TV when the dogs again became noisy, and, looking through the window, she could see a halo-like glow hovering near the back door. The hum came again, together with a strong sulphurous smell. Although a reddish glow it seemed to be of some luminous solid material, the ring itself being tube-shaped and several inches thick, the whole about the size of the kitchen sink.

Next, Miss J felt a strange, powerful '*presence*' next to her, and '*just knew*' that the presence wished her harm. She says she just cannot explain what it felt like to have such a strong force

influencing her mind. Then, it left and she felt giddy: she moved over to the window and sat down, the tube stretching out like a piece of elastic, hovering and enlarging towards the window. The hum became a buzz and increased in intensity: the sulphurous smell was also in evidence as the tube of light stretched out farther and farther until it touched the window pane, at which point it was about nine inches in diameter and fifteen feet in length.

The witness froze: the smell weakened: the hum ceased: the windows rattled: then, outside, just a strange orange mist, '*like cigarette smoke*,' remained. Going into the kitchen, she found that though the cooker was '*off*' at the main, all switches were on and every ring, the grill and the oven were heated: the fat in the frying pan had melted and water in the saucepan had boiled away: the oven handle made her hand tingle and the dogs would not let her touch them with it. On her brother and father returning shortly afterwards, both felt the heat from the cooker themselves and then, at 4 pm all heard the hum, though nothing further transpired.

The next day, Miss J's aunt, cousin and a friend came over to keep her company: about 1.30 pm, she and her cousin heard a distant humming, whilst at 2 pm both felt a '*presence*,' though the others had not. At this point, the toilet radiator repeatedly turned on and off, the controlling cap being seen to turn: then the cooker rings were again seen to be on and they promptly switched them off. Water was then heard running: witness and her aunt went to investigate and found the water behind the shower screen was on full force, and the shower head had fallen off into the bath.

By now, all four were panic-stricken as they could find no logical explanation.

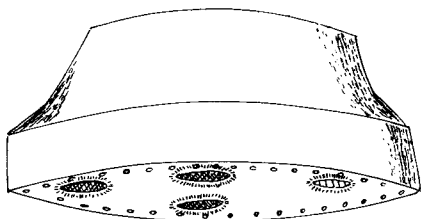
Witness's mother was phoned and she returned home to find a strong smell of burnt rubber. By 3.50 pm the incidents were over.

On Saturday, 12 January 1980: Miss J had been alone in the house for about one-and-a-half hours when her mother returned about 5 pm. After about half an hour, her mother noticed she was looking up at a corner of the kitchen ceiling, though she gave no explanation. A while later, however, she said she had seen an orange ball of light moving through the kitchen down one side, into the corner, and across the other side. Then, at about 6 pm, Miss J ran out of the toilet saying someone had put the light out and on again (the light switches were at the bottom end of the kitchen and the others were seated at the kitchen table). The house was felt to be icy cold: and later the dogs again showed strong symptoms of uneasiness . . .

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Tunstall, Staffs, November 1978

Inv B Holland, E Frith



Diane Brunt, aged 21, was walking through fields near Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent with a friend, when they saw a light flashing on and off: underneath it was a brighter light.

Making no sound, the lights began to move towards them, and as they came lower, the witnesses started to run. When the lights were above their heads, Diane looked up: the bright light went out and then the shape behind it could

be seen—described as a sharply defined ‘*upside-down bowl*,’ white-grey in colour.

Witnesses could then see three large round red lights and one large green light, which, together with a number of smaller red lights were on the underside of the object. At this point, the object made a sound described by Diane as ‘*like nothing I had heard before*,’ moved off and was gone within a few seconds leaving a small white flashing light, ‘*moving all over the place*.’ The time was 7.35 pm on 1 November 1978, and the whole incident lasted something between five and fifteen minutes.

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Nr Chatham, Kent, April 1979

Inv L Dale

Stephen Pearl, aged 12, was travelling by car to Chatham with his parents and sister when he noticed a large saucer-like object hovering above a house on Huntsman's Corner. His sister, also in the back of the car, saw the object as well.

His father stopped the car and they got out just as the object had passed over the road: it headed away at great speed and all noticed that it appeared to be spinning with the top half pulsating. The object's colour was given as beige and white and was sharply defined. Visible for between a half and one-and-a-half minutes, it made no sound. The time was 2.45 pm on a dull spring day—24 April 1979.

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Lowestoft, Suffolk, June 1979

Inv Mrs D Street

Mrs Jennifer Hooks was making a call from a phone box one Thursday evening at the beginning of June 1979,

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when she saw a strange shape in the sky hovering above a housing estate. Roughly the shape of a double decker bus, it was bright orange in colour with oval windows along its side and three flashing lights on top. The object was stationary and whilst it hovered, it appeared to vibrate.

Witness timed the object as remaining motionless for exactly two-and-a-half minutes, after which time, emitting a high-pitched whine, it took off towards the sea 'at an alarming speed' and at a steep, curved angle, being out of sight in a few moments, though its sound remained for some seconds longer.

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A45, Suffolk, July 1979

Inv P Johnson

This report is particularly interesting because the witness (*name withheld by request*) stated he often watched the sky 'because I am interested in trying to see phenomena which could be mistaken for UFOs.' It would seem that this incident could not be classed amongst their number!

On Friday, 6 July 1979 at 15.10 hours, he noticed an object near the horizon travelling north to south. He watched it as best he could whilst still keeping an eye on the road, but for a while lost sight of it. He was on the A45, and after passing under two flyovers near Bury St Edmunds, something caught his eye to his front and left, fairly low down: looking up, he saw 'an object such as I have never seen before.' This was oval in shape, like an egg, but the same shape at both ends. Mostly white in colour, there was a black part at the lower front. There were no protrusions whatsoever, no visible means of propulsion and no vapour trail. It was flying very fast in a straight line. Witness could hear no

sound, but the noise of his car could well have obscured any. He rang RAF Honington to see if anything unfamiliar had been picked up on radar, but they would disclose no information.

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Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, September 1979

*Inv J Capewell,
UAPROL.*

Mrs Etchells and a cousin were driving to Heathrow in the early morning of 4 September 1979. They were motor-ing along from Bretton Village, Peterborough, towards the A1, when they both noticed something unusual in the sky around 2.50 to 3 am.

White and shaped like a disc ('a dented saucer'), the thing was left behind as they turned left, but then it suddenly appeared in front of them, having changed colour to orange! It seemed to be very close and, thinking it was coming at them, they started to panic. Then, the witnesses realised that everything was still: no cars: no lorries: no lights around: no noise, even of their own car engine.

This state of affairs seemed to them to last some ten minutes and then the thing just vanished—it wasn't seen to vanish, it 'just went.' Cars and lorries were again heard and lights seen, as also was their own engine. Then, looking at the time, they found it was now 3.50 am—an apparent lapse of almost an hour—and, they were still near Peterborough!

Even though no noise had been heard during their experience, neither witness could recall having stopped or attempting to stop the car: also, although they had filled up with petrol before leaving, the tank was now found to be half to three-quarters empty!

Because they had to pick a relative up they continued on to Heathrow, but felt 'very frightened' and 'hot and cold,' the car heater being continually switched on and off. Both witnesses experienced the same things and acted the same way.

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Stoke-on-Trent Staffs, September 1979

*Inv A Collins,
M Keatman
and others*

The Bentley family had just finished dinner at their Stoke-on-Trent home on 9 September 1979: the time was between 5.30 and 6.30 pm. Mr Robert Bentley then noticed a strange object in the sky some distance away and pointed it out to the others. This object appeared to be metallic and was moving towards the house on a straight course.

Gary Bentley, aged 20, described it as metallic and '*wavering, flapping like a bird, drunk,*' meaning it was wobbling as if on a central axis: the thing moved very slowly, and as it came closer, it was seen to have a flat, black-coloured underside with a low, angled dome above. This dome was a shiny silver like polished metal, described as '*chrome*' by the witness. Still moving slowly, it went over the house at—possibly—1,000 feet and appeared to be at least the size of an estate car.

Now, it looked as though it was rotating clockwise, and, heading in a southerly direction, still in a straight line (*and still 'wobbling'*), it was seen for half-a-minute longer before disappearing into the distance. Altogether, the sighting had lasted between one and two minutes. Mr Robert Bentley had at first thought they were watching a well-designed box-kite, and was of the opinion the object was basically square

in shape. Reports were also taken from other members of the family.

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Harrogate, N Yorks, November 1979

Witness (*anonymity requested*), was returning from Calcutt with his sister, when, going over the brow of a hill, his sister shouted that something was crossing over the road at roof height. The date was 20 November 1979, the time about 7 pm. Slamming on the brakes he turned the car round and parked on the other side of the road where three other cars had also stopped. Alighting from the car, the witnesses could see a glowing, whitish-yellow fluorescent cylinder hovering over a house, then moving on to hover over a copse of trees, then over a nearby field, finally landing in an adjoining field, still glowing. At this, everyone drove off. Witness phoned the police from his sister's home, but on returning about half-an-hour later, the object had gone.

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Abstract of Scottish Sightings

From RIC Stuart Campbell

Heriot, Midlothian, Spring 1979

Gilbert Guilmartin, aged 56, a history lecturer, gives us accounts of two strange events witnessed from his isolated Borders home at Nether Brotherstone, Heriot, Midlothian. Some time in early spring 1979, about 2200-2300 local time, he saw to the SE a light of average star magnitude which moved in a box-like pattern, pausing at intervals along the sides of the box. First it moved downwards, then a considerable distance to the right: finally, it moved upwards a short distance and remained there for some time. It was observed for 30-40 minutes.

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On 7 December the same year, both he and his wife saw a line of lights in the sky varying between 4 and 7 in number. These lights were seen in the south at an elevation of 45°, were grouped together in a horizontal line and appeared to be increasing and decreasing in intensity until almost invisible. After 15 minutes they could not be seen. Time of sighting was 1830 GMT; the sky was overcast and it was cold and dry with no wind.

A71 Livingston, W Lothian, October 1979

Whilst driving home to Livingston westwards on the A71, at 1815-1830 GMT on 22 October 1979, Mary Cuthbert, aged 26 and her husband Thomas, 25, noticed an unusual light ahead in the sky. Their first thought was that it was a star twinkling, then possibly an aircraft, but gradually it became clear that the object was neither of these. When they turned off right, onto the A767 at Mid Calder, they noticed the object was floating just over houses in the Craigshill area of Livingston New Town. They stopped and got out of the car to investigate and saw a spherical object with an upper dome which was continually changing colour (blue, red, white, green, etc), giving the impression that it had lights on the ends of whirling propellers. There appeared to be a solid base with beams of light going from this up to the upper dome. The object, which appeared to be the size of a tennis ball held at arm's length, made no sound and was lost to sight as they drove on.

Edinburgh, April 1980

From his house very high up at Barn-ton in West Edinburgh, Mr C Miller, aged 28, and three of his family, saw two unusual objects at 20.30 GMT on 8 April 1980. They were seen N-NE across the Firth of Forth and Dalgetty Bay in Fife. One object was red in

colour, but later changed to a fluorescent white. Nearby was a second fluorescent light, which seemed to spin just like the beacon on top of a police car. The objects were seen for about 5 minutes as they slowly moved further to the NE, while the other object faded from view **And** A 35-year-old registered mental nurse was washing dishes in the kitchen of her bungalow in the grounds of Gogarburn Hospital, Edinburgh at 0800 BST on Saturday, 2 August 1980, when she heard a strange high-pitched oscillating noise, which sounded 'hollow.' Looking up, she was amazed to see an object descending towards her from above trees about 50 metres away. It was bright, circular, and metallic-looking with what appeared to be two tall, thin 'creatures' looking out at her. Terrified, she dropped to the floor and crawled on all fours to hide behind her husband who was still in bed. He got up immediately and looked outside; all he could see was what looked like a short contrail which quickly disappeared. The weather was fine and sunny with hardly any wind. Nearby Edinburgh Airport had no explanation, except that it might have been ball lightning. Thunder had been heard the previous day.

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From here —and there

Norman Oliver



A new 'Probe'

The *International UFO Reporter*, 'mouthpiece' of the *Center for UFO Studies*, edited by Dr Hynek and Allan Hendry, ceased publication with its issue Vol 5, No 1 for January 1980. As from the latter part of 1980, subscribers are instead receiving copies of *Probe*, a bookstand 'future science news' magazine published in California. In each issue of *Probe*, the contents of the *Reporter* will be incorporated as a separate UFO section under the direction of the *Reporter's* former editors.

Probe's September issue has now put in an appearance and contains roughly the same amount of UFO coverage (10-12 pps) that was to be found in the *Reporter*. *Probe* (app 100 pps), covers a wide range of subject matter—'Energy for a Changing World': 'War in Space': 'The Mobius Group' and, 'Expanding Brain Potential'—and appears bi-monthly. It may also be obtained by subscription (6 issues \$11.25) from: *Probe*, 1845 West Empire Avenue, Burbank, CA 91504, USA. Presentation is 'popular' rather than scientific, numerous photos being included—but don't expect a high-gloss finish! * See P.23.

Journal UFO

Whilst on the topic of magazines, *Journal UFO* is an excellent Canadian publication which now incorporates *Canadian UFO Report*. Edited by David A Haisell, this is a professionally

produced 36-page publication, full of interesting reviews, reports, features and comments. Recommended for the serious researcher, its subscription address is: UP Investigations Inc, PO Box 455, Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario L5M 2B9. 4 issues (1 year): \$10.00.

UFO 'Hang-up'

An overall delta shape, with rounded protruding nose: three 'cutouts' on its leading edge and two symmetrical elongated 'holes' at 90° to one another in the body proper: lettering visible on body of object: seen hovering motionless in midair Stuart Campbell has sent me a photo of this most recent type of UFO visitation! See p23.

So now we (k)no(w)

" I wrote to you saying that one of my friends has given it up and there is only me and my friend Brian still doing it. I never got an answer but you no now that Elliott has given it up "

Letter from schoolboy to Hon. Sec.

Not Red 'Squares' apparently

Michael Binyon's 'Moscow Diary' in *The Times* of 21 March 1980, headed *Russia has Flying Saucers too* was entirely devoted to the Russian attitude to Flying Saucers/UFOs, revealing that, despite resolute resistance from *Pravda*, 'the mystery no Russian can resist is flying saucers.' The item also gave prominence to a recent Moscow play—*NLO*—(Russian initials for UFO) which featured many of the UFO 'fringe' associations such as the Yeti, Atlantis, Bermuda Triangle, etc, that one has come to recognise as, if not inseparable from the subject, certainly inseparable from discussion about it! Indeed, one felt quite at home!

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And another

The second issue of a British 'Probe,' a 24-page journal published by Nufor (Southwest) and edited by Ian Mrzyglod, is very creditably produced, including amongst its pages a variety of articles. One of these, on possible 'UFO nests' below Westbury White Horse, is an extremely interesting account of investigations by Nufor (Southwest), fully illustrated by diagrams and photographs.

On occasion I have seen the heading 'UFO Citings' in several magazines, and I intend it as a compliment when I say this is the first time I have felt an editor deliberately used the word instead of being guilty of mis-spelling! Cartoons are also a feature and the next issue is promised to be 'all-gloss.'

Probe is 45p a copy from "Nufor Southwest," 16 Marigold Walk, Ashton Bristol BS3 2PD.

UFO Crash and Alien body photos revealed

So runs the heading of a press release from Dennis Pilichis of the *UFO Information Network*, Rome, Ohio. The release states that the *Network* 'will reveal and make public two photographs of dead alien bodies recovered from a UFO Crash Retrieval' at a meeting on 13 September 1980. The photos are claimed to show:—

- 1 The body of one alien in the debris of a crash after his craft burned.
- 2 An alien body placed on an open bank after being recovered from the crashed 'saucer' with members of a military team standing around the body.

Poor photo-copies of these are included in the release: they are not good enough to be reproduced—or indeed, to make much out at all. Pilichis

states, however, that clear black and white prints are on file, and, indeed, have been provided to news media for publication.

Pilichis says that the story as documented so far, relates that an object was tracked on radar moving across the southwest United States on 7 July 1948, moving at higher speeds than any known object of the day. This object, it is alleged, ran into trouble and crashed to earth, impacting in Mexico, 30 miles south of Laredo, Texas, when military personnel from the US were invited to investigate and document the impact area crash site. Any 'follow-up' received will be given in the next Journal.

Camera in Space

NASA has designated a modified *Nikon F3* camera for use in its *Space Shuttle Project*. Some 15 sets will be supplied to NASA for the Space Shuttle, which is expected to become operational in 1981, several actually being on board the craft for use in various experiments and investigations in the weightless atmosphere of space. This special model F3 is complete with motordrive, 250-frame data magazine back, electronic flash unit and four modified Nikon lenses—a 35mm, 135 mm, Micro 55mm and Micro 105mm.

. . . . A tangled web they weave

Per Andersen, recent Kensington guest speaker from Denmark, writing in the Danish magazine *UFO-NYT*, tells of strange material that fell over West Jutland on Sunday, 30 September 1979. Described as 'a highly sticky substance not unlike candyfloss,' it consisted of light, thin fibrous threads held together in long white strands. It was reported to evaporate within a very short time, but in fact this meant that the material disintegrated in the fingers.

The substance was variously suggested by the press to be 'spiders' webs: material for jamming radar: material from a heath fire: from a Venezuelan oil slick, or from UFOs (our old friend 'Angel Hair' or 'Fibralvina' which was featured in the *Evora* case in the last issue). Samples tested by *SUFOI* (*Scandinavian UFO Information*) in the persons of Ole Knudsen and Per Andersen clearly indicated that the material had an animal protein composition and was in all certainty spiders web.



Here is a sample of the material. This sample was found at Stauning Airfield and analysed at Aarhus University.

Photo courtesy SUFOI.

SUFOI was concerned, however, that Ole Knudsen had been quoted in the press as saying 'we are in no doubt whatsoever that the material was spiders' web' three days before the tests were completed. As Per Andersen writes: "such misreporting (at that time Ole Knudsen had only said there was a possibility the material might be spiders' web) could lead to other UFO Groups criticising *SUFOI* for being premature in issuing statements before research is

concluded." Per Andersen could be right, though certainly *SUFOI* will not be so criticised by Bufora as we are well aware of the sins and omissions attendant on press coverage of UFO orientated events. *Source: Scandinavian UFO Information (SUFOI), Denmark* Indeed, we recently suffered in a similar manner ourselves

. . . . APRO and the Livingston case

. . . . since the *APRO Bulletin* for February 1980 condemns Bufora RIC Stuart Campbell in his investigations purely on the basis of press reports, and asks anyone with information on the case to get in touch with *APRO* headquarters! We trust that by now they will have read the detailed account of the case in *Journal TAP* and be good enough to acknowledge their error, which was largely based on a press report referring to the 'entities' concerned as 'creatures' whilst Campbell used the term 'ball-shaped objects' —the latter term, in fact, being far more nearly accurate. Certainly, Campbell inclines to the ball lightning hypothesis (see elsewhere in this issue), but that does not mean his enquiries are biased. Indeed, it would seem that *APRO* were themselves biased in this case by their apparent acceptance of the use of the word 'creature' by the press as indicating (presumably) an ET visitation without waiting for investigation results, which, while open to either ET or non-ET explanations, clearly vindicate Campbell's original description.

Mute evidence required

Tommy R Blann, US paranormal investigator, author and lecturer, would like to hear from any member who has investigated, or has any details on,

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Messengers from the Stars—2

W Raymond Drake

Our new UFO studies suggest intervention by extraterrestrials. During these celestial visitations, it is likely that Spacemen also manifested in Israel where they were known as the 'Lord' and his 'Angels.'

In America, the Red Indians worshipped the Great White Spirit who descended to their ancestors from the skies. The Chippewas talk of the Gin-Gwins or Flying Boats, reminiscent of the well-known solar boats of the Egyptians. The Navajos, Piutes and Hopi tell of Golden Strangers from the skies in flying canoes armed with terrifying electric rays. The Toltecs of Mexico worshipped Quetzalcoatl, a white-skinned Culture-Hero from the sky whose name signified 'Feathered Serpent,' possibly a symbol for a cigar-shaped spaceship. All over South America are legends of wondrous white people who descended from the stars. The belief that Cortes and Pizarro were Divine Beings returning to Mexico and Peru greatly aided the Spanish Conquest. High in the Andes exist cliff-structures and astronomical patterns visible only from the air. Were they designed for Spacemen?

In India, the *Rig Veda* describes the god Dysus-Patar, as a bull, ruddy and bellowing downwards, possibly symbolising a spaceship. Indra, God of War, flashed across the heavens in an aerial car with the speed of thought, drawn by glittering shining horses. He waged war against the Asuras and destroyed their cities with thunderbolts like nuclear bombs, reminiscent of the war between the Gods and Giants, described in Greek and Celtic mythologies. In his battles, Indra was attended by the Maruts or Storm Gods who rode in golden cars; they

brandished darts of lightning and rode like the wind. The most popular Gods were the twin Aswins who drove a tawny, ruddy car armed with thunderbolts.

The *Ramayana* describes aerial battles between Gods and Demons waged with annihilating bombs and nuclear missiles. The *Mahabharata* mentions celestial chariots like spaceships, destroyed by ground-to-air missiles and the fantastic Agneya weapon which scorched the Universe, smashed armies and devastated the Earth like a hydrogen bomb. The *Drona Parva* tells of anti-missile-missiles destroying incoming missiles in the air. The *Samaranganasutradhara* describes flying machines which could attack and invisible objects, ascending and cruising thousands of miles, even mounting to solar and stellar regions. Sanskrit literature delighted in ravishing tales of Gods loving alluring Earthwomen; Gallants from the Upper World would wing down to lay siege to some proud Beauty: Heroes soared to the skies in celestial cars and fought aerial duels, blasting their rivals with explosive darts or annihilating bombs, all told with a warmth, colour and enchantment transcending our chill science-fiction.

The Tibetans say that Lhasa was built by the Lhas, an ancient Asiatic word for Spirits, probably Celestials from Space. Folk-tales tell of Gods and Mortals waging fantastic wars with wonder-weapons: demons, wizards and faeries casting their magic spells in breathless enchantments, the wondrous technology we associate with Spacemen.

The Chinese believed the Celestial Dragon to be Father of the First Dynasty of Divine Emperors, the Dragon became the symbol of China.

The ancient texts describe fantastic monsters, bodies covered with scales like armour, eyes flashing lightning, jaws belching flames; the great beasts roared on the winds to the heavens, plunged down to the ocean depths, their fiery breath shrivelled towns to ash: sometimes a dragon kidnapped a damsel and carried her off to its cave in the clouds. Surely China, Land of the Dragon, was inspired by Spacemen!

The Japanese honour their Emperor as direct descendant of Amaterasu, the shining Goddess of the Sun, Ruler of the High Plains of Heaven. In 667BC the Emperor Kami-Yamato-Ihari-Biko told his Court of their Heavenly Ancestor who flew down in a Heavenly Rockboat, 1,792,470 years before. About AD220 the famous Empress Jingo invaded Korea, the Deities went before and after the expedition. The King of Silla (Korea) was overwhelmed by these divine invaders and promptly surrendered. In AD460 the Empress Oho-Htsuse-Wha-Ka-Taka went hunting with bows and arrows on Mt Katsuraki when suddenly a tall man appeared and revealed he was a God. In AD619 a bright object like a human figure was seen over the Gamo river, Central Japan. In AD661 at the funeral of the Empress that evening on Mt Asakura there was a Demon who looked down on the mourners. All the people cried out in wonder. This evokes that amazing incident on 26 June 1959 in New Guinea when the Reverend William Booth Gill, an Anglican missionary, beheld a huge disc: four men on the deck waved to him. The *Nihongi* records many sightings in the 7th century AD. Today, the Japanese treasure the glorious past, and through their *Cosmic Brotherhood Association*, Yokohama, are planning the golden future when Japan will lead all humanity to wondrous

friendship again with our Brothers from Space!

Egypt! Land of wonder, mystery and magic! For unknown centuries the massive Pyramids, the inscrutable Sphinx and those mighty temples down the Nile have dominated the minds of men, their silent grandeur evoking echoes of a glorious, grandiose Antiquity, the presence of proud Immortals, that Golden Age of the Gods when Earth was young. Manetho, an Egyptian Priest, wrote that the first rulers of Egypt were Gods. Osiris and Isis taught civilisation. To the old Egyptians ignorant of aerial technology, a glowing Spaceship in the blue sky looked down like the Eye of Horus or Ra, the Sun God. The Book of the Dead describes the conflict between Horus and Set in terms suggesting a Space War. The Great Pyramid stands exactly in the centre of the world's land mass, its siting and construction suggest that this wonder of the world was built by Spacemen or Initiates mastering extraterrestrial science. Egyptologists disagree.

However, we do know how the second pyramid was built! *Herodotus* in *Book Two, Chapter 126*, says:

"And Cheops came to such wickedness that when he lacked money he set his daughter in a brothel and enjoined her to charge thus and thus much, but they told me not how much. And she demanded the sum enjoined by her father, and also resolved to leave a memorial of her own. And she besought each man that went in unto her to give her a present of one stone. And from the stones they said was made the pyramid that standeth in the midst of the three in front of the Great Pyramid and each face thereof is one plethrum and half long." One hundred and fifty feet!

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The Babylonians claimed immense antiquity: they called their city 'Bab-ilu,' 'Gate of the Gods.' The Babylonian Gods were often associated with planets, intercourse between Gods and Mortals formed the theme of the *Gilgamesh Epic*. The great winged bulls which guarded the palaces of Babylon and Nineveh were closely identified with Chaldean astronomy, like the Sphinx they often bore human features symbolising Divine Beings. Would not the agrarian Babylonians, ignorant of mechanics represent a spaceship by a powerful bull with wings and stress the spacemen therein by giving the bull a human face? Berossus, a priest of Bal, described "*an animal endowed with reason called Oannes with the body of a fish but with articulate voice. This Being taught men the arts of civilisation.*" Oannes may have been a Space Being, his alleged resemblance to a fish possibly some garbled reference to a spacesuit.

The Babylonian Empire lasted two thousand years, about ten times as long as the British Empire. They had some good ideas. Herodotus states that the Babylonians brought out their sick into the market-place and anyone who had suffered the same complaint must stop and tell the sick man how he had recovered. Most sickness originates in the mind: confession is good for the body as well as for the soul. Public therapy might save our sad Health Service. But where could we park sick beds in our streets? The Babylonians were allergic to doctors. One of Hammurabi's famous *Laws* decreed "*If the Surgeon has made a serious wound in a Gentleman with a bronze knife and has thereby caused the Gentleman to die—they shall cut off the Surgeon's hand.*" Babylon had many one-handed surgeons; today we might have more if we copied this poetic practice!

The Babylonian marriage-market might

help you ladies today. Herodotus says that once a year all the marriageable girls were summoned to the market place: there a herald called the damsels up one by one and auctioned them against each other for the most beautiful maidens: the humbler wife-seekers had to content themselves with homely wenches for small payment. When the bidding ceased and the marriage-portions were totalled in a chest, any dowdy spinster left on the shelf was offered for sale with a dowry for some husband willing to have her and the money too. He adds "In that way the beautiful girls brought the ugly and deformed ones to husband." What if wives had transfer fees like footballers? Suppose we had to buy in the marriage-market? A wonderful idea! It suited the Babylonians. If the wife was bad-tempered, the marriage was annulled and the husband got his money back. These ancient people were not stupid: experience brought commonsense.

A recent revelation of Spacemen in ancient times is so startling that by some strange block in our conditioned minds, its colossal importance is completely ignored. The 1970 edition of the *New English Bible*, *Genesis 6, verses 1 and 2*, states: "*When Mankind began to increase and to spread all over the Earth and daughters of men were born to them, the Sons of the Gods saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, so they took to themselves such women as they chose.*" The fine *Authorised Version* of King James 1 said "*Sons of God*," a vague theological connotation confounding learned commentators. This new translation "*Sons of the Gods*" surely suggests Spacemen.

The 'Lord' and two 'Angels' appeared to Abraham on the plain of Mamre, sitting at the opening of his tent, he looked up and saw three men standing before him. The Extra-terrestrials were human in appearance,

they washed their feet, ate food and conversed like ordinary mortals. Lot, seated at the Gate of Sodom saw two 'Angels' approaching the city; they warned Lot, his wife and daughters, to hurry from the city. The 'Lord' destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire from heaven. Lot's wife was turned to a pillar of salt. Abraham saw smoke arising like that mushroom cloud over Hiroshima. Sodom and Gomorrah seemed to have been destroyed by a nuclear bomb. The word 'Angel' is from the Greek 'Angeloi'—meaning 'Messenger.' The burning bush seen by Moses was probably a bush silhouetted against a spaceship; the 'Lord' commanded Moses not to approach, since he was standing on holy ground, probably meaning he would be burned in the ship's force field. The plagues affecting the Egyptians suggest chemical and germ warfare: the waters of the Red Sea could have been parted by an anti-gravity beam: the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, guiding the Israelites may have been a Mothership. Manna from heaven like the familiar 'Angel's Hair' may have been synthesised in the atmosphere by the spaceship's force-field. The most wonderful descriptions of spaceships are surely given in those marvellous *Psalms* of David. Some Jews thought Solomon's Temple was built by Angels. About 850BC Elijah was translated to heaven in a whirlwind. The famous Wheel seen by Ezekiel is now regarded as a Spaceship. During the First Millenium BC Spacemen were visiting not only Israel, but also Greece and Rome.

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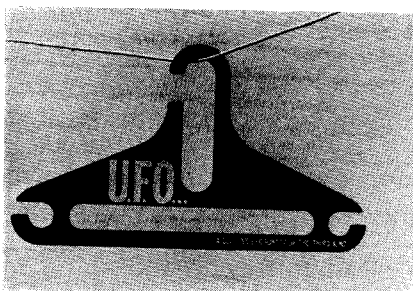
Part One of Messengers from the Stars appeared in Volume 9, No 1.
Books by W Raymond Drake include the following:

- 1964 *Gods or Spacemen?*
- 1968 *Gods and Spacemen in the Ancient East.*
- 1974 *Gods and Spacemen in the Ancient West.*
- 1975 *Gods and Spacemen in the Ancient Past.*
- 1975 *Gods and Spacemen throughout History.*
- 1976 *Gods and Spacemen in Greece and Rome.*
- 1976 *Gods and Spacemen in Ancient Israel (A revision of 'Ancient Past.')*
- 1977 *Messengers from the Stars (A revision of 'Gods or Spacemen?')*

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animal mutilation reports in this country. He has been investigating the phenomenon of 'mutes' in the US and Canada for several years and is trying to compile as much credible data worldwide as possible on the phenomenon: he would also like to exchange scientific and analytical data on landing trace cases. His address: 1002, Edmonds Lane, Apt 152, Lewisville, Texas 75067.

**STOP PRESS—Dr Hynek has now abandoned the somewhat over-brash presentation of Probe and the content of International UFO Reporter is presently to be found in the more scientifically orientated magazine Second Look referred to in the last Bufo Journal.*



See 'From here and there—UFO 'Hang-up''

Sighting Summaries

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
1926/28	July	2300	Eye, Suffolk	5 ' Blue bullets '	C3c	A FOX
1948	?	0100	Leuens, Cumbria	Violet/green ' cigar '	C3c	R HALL
1951	June	1230	Newcastle-on-Tyne	Silver ' Pumpkin '	C3b	A WEST W SMURTHWAITE
1954(?)	Summer	Night	Norwich, Norfolk	Round, orange object	C4c	P JOHNSON
1954	?	pm	Plymouth, Devon	Round, orange object	C4b	A FOX
1957	August	1530	Guildford, Surrey	Silver-grey ' Airship '	C3c	
1957	Spring	0810	Queens Park, London	Stationary silver ball	C3c	A WEST
1959	June	Midday	Central London	Silver-grey cigar	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
1959	Nov	0100	Queens Park, London	Blue-green magnet shape	C4c	A WEST
1959/60	August	2030	N Fambridge, Essex	Orange cigar shape	C3c	J COOK
1961	Sept	0300	Evesham, Worcs	Orange ball	C4c	M PRITCHARD
1963	Winter	2245	Penally, Dyfed	Golden sphere	C3b	A LESSER
1965/66	Nov	?	Bishop Auckland, Durham	2 Manoeuvring LITS	C4c	A WEST
1967	20.7.67	2055	Aintree, Liverpool	Orange/red oval	C4b	B HARTLEY
1967	Oct	2030	Accrington, Lancs	2 Manoeuvring LITS	C4b	B HARTLEY
1968	12.11.68	0630	London, SW16	Six white cigar shapes	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
1968	?	2100	Newcastle, Staffs	Orange cigar	C4b	M KEATMAN
1970	?	2400	London, E16	LITS and star-shape	C4c	J COOK
1971	1.10.71	Midday	Liverpool	' Gun-metal ' cigar	C3c	B HARTLEY
1972	July	2100	Reading, Berks	Black cigar shape	C2b	M KEATMAN
1974	Nov	2100	Esher, Surrey	Brilliant white cone	C3c	A FOX
1974	Sept	2320	Brighton, Sussex	Circular, soundless object	C3c	A FOX
76-459	21.10.76	1730	Weston-s-Mare, Avon	Humming cigar shape	C3c	I VINTEN
76-461	July	0200	Wickford, Essex	Dull, yellow ball	C4c	E LUFF
76-462	29.4.76	1815	London, SW6	Round ball of fire	C4b	C R ROWLANDS
76-464	?	2045	Welwyn Garden City, Herts	Three orange oblongs	C3b	M LEWIS
77-584	27.10.77	1630	E Dereham, Norfolk	Humming white oval	C3b	J COPSEY
77-585	?	2300	Horndean, Hants	Elongated oval	C3b	A FOX M WEAVER
77-586	23.8.77	2100	Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk	White to red oblong	C4c	K D WILLIAMSON
77-517	4.12.77	1630	London, N2	Round, red, pulsating shape	C3c	R FISHER
77-518	25.2.77	Night	Beaconsfield	Red and green oval	C4c	L ADAMS
77-521	11.12.77	0900	Northfleet, Kent	Orange cigar with lights	C3b	M WEAVER
77-522	5.9.77	2300	Blithbury, Lincs	Greyish-white hat shape	C3b	A HALL
77-523	Sept	0130	Ramsgate, Kent	Orange globe	C4b	A HALL

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77-524	20.8.77	2200	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	White/yellow LITS	C4b	M WEAVER
77-526	31.10.77	2100	Dunmow, Essex	Round, white object	C4b	E LUFF
77-528	April	0215	Saffron Waldon, Essex	White oval	C4c	E LUFF
77-529	May	2400	Menovia, Spain	Two square white lights	C3c	E LUFF
77-531	24.10.77	2301	Dewsbury, Yorks	White 'star shape'	B4c	G FALLA
77-565	Aug	2230	Burnley, Lancs	Darkish cigar shape	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-566	14.2.77	1900	Orpington, Kent	White/red manoeuv- ering LITS	C4c	A D SMITH
77-567	?	1830	Chatburn, Lancs	Round object, blue lights	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-568	9.4.77	1200	Black Mountains, Dyfed	Square, silver object	C3c	C R ROWLANDS
77-569	May	1900-1930	Newquay, Cornwall	Humming, circular light	C4b	WCUFORA
77-570	Various	Various	Durham	Round, white, manoeu- vering LITS	C4c	ANNE WEST
77-571	11.6.77	0040	Stone, Staffs	Milky-white cube section	C3b	M KEATMAN
77-572	11.8.77	2020	Ringmer, E Sussex	Large, round object	C3b	A FOX
77-573	26.8.77	1730	Kornos, Cyprus	Blue-grey elliptical object	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
77-574	28.9.77	1945	Enfield, Middlesex	Yellow, round object	C4c	M LEWIS
77-575	Oct	1830	Lewes, E Sussex	Two silver-grey half- circles	C4c	A FOX
77-576	12.10.77	1845	Sompting, W Sussex	Green cigar	C3c	D STONARD
77-577	Sept	1600	Bognor, W Sussex	Glowing, round, red object	C4c	A FOX
77-578	21.9.77	1700	Blackpool, Lancs	Black-grey object	C2c	M TYRRELL
77-579	18.11.77	2000	Northampton	Vivid round, blue object	C3b	M PRITCHARD
77-580	22.12.77	1030	Croydon, Surrey	Gold-yellow object	C3c	D STONARD
77-582	7.12.77	1600	Lullington Woods, Derby	Orange oval object	C3b	M KEATMAN
77-598	31.3.77	1930	Crewe, Cheshire	Disc with dome	B3c	S R CLEAVER
77-590	13.11.77	1725	Winchester, Hants	Glowing circle	C4c	—
77-591	22.11.77	1900	Sidcup, Kent	Round white object	C4b	M HALL
77-592	24.12.77	0505	Warwick	White, zigzagging 'star'	C4c	—
77-593	1.1.77	2100	Prestwich, Manchester	Red/white object	C4c	B HARTLEY
77-594	6.1.77	1115	St Helens, Merseyside	Silver 'icing nozzle'	C3b	B HARTLEY
77-595	Feb	2158	Coventry, W Midlands	Circular object with windows	C3b	—
77-596	12.5.77	0005	Penicuik, Mid- lothian	'Moving yellow star'	C4b	S CAMPBELL
78-111	Feb	1900	Lydd, Kent	Flashing white light	C4b	A HALL

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78-294	12.11.78	2020	Hull Bridge, Essex	Orange/red object	C3b	—
78-295	20.11.78	0615	Gt Blakeham, Suffolk	Cigar shape	C4b	A COLLINS
78-296	26.12.78	1710	Worsbrough Bridge, S Yorks	Starlike object	C4b	K PHILLIPS
78-306	3.11.78	1930	Cannock, Staffs	Two oval-shaped lights	C3b	M KEATMAN
78-375	2.2.78	1305	Stone Cross, West Bromwich	' Hubcap shape '	C3c	M KEATMAN
78-376	1.11.78	1930	Tunstall, Staffs	Round object— coloured lights	C3b	D HOLLAND E FRITH
78-377	5.11.78	1905	Penn Fields, Wolverhampton	Red object with beam	C3b	M KEATMAN
78-378	7.10.78	0130	Stone, Staffs	Triangle of lights	C3c	M KEATMAN
78-380	5.10.78	2015	Baswich, Stafford	Flashing lights	C4b	S W BANKS
78-381	Dec	1900	Brighton, Sussex	Low-flying LITS	C4b	A FOX
78-383	7.10.78	2000	Bacup, Lancs	Orange ellipse	C3b	B HARTLEY
78-384	7.10.78	0500	Hayfield, Derbyshire	Silver diamond	C3b	B HARTLEY
78-385	3.11.78	0710	Swiss Cottage, London	Two gold parallel bars	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
79-095	Jan	2100	Wolverhampton	Golden LIT	C4b	M PRITCHARD
79-096	14.7.79	1515	Bexley, Kent	' Glinting dot '	C4b	A FOX/M HALL
79-098	7.9.79	2215	Battersea, London	Silver/grey oblong	C3b	—
79-105	5.9.79	2020	Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent	Zigzagging LITS	C3b	M KEATMAN/ A COLLINS
79-108	29.11.79	2015	Bexleyheath, Kent	Twelve LITS	C4b	Mr & Mrs HALL
79-109	30.10.79	0650	Dartford, Kent	Silver disc	C3c	I CLOKE
79-111	29.11.79	2000	Belvedere, Kent	8 white LITS	C4b	Mr & Mrs HALL
79-112	2.1.79	0540-0700	Perth, Scotland	' Bright ball '	C4b	S CAMPBELL
79-113	5.3.79	2125	Sidcup, Kent	' Rising band of mist '	C3c	M HALL
79-114	March	0830	Sidcup, Kent	Silver cylinder	C3c	M HALL
77-599	Aug	2100	Swindon, Wilts	Dark orange triangle	C3b	R M JAMES
78-254	11.9.78	2130	Ibiza, Spain	Triangle with multi- coloured lights	B2a	M J UNDERWOOD
78-288	22.10.78	2155	Snodland, Kent	Three ball-shaped objects	C4c	M J UNDERWOOD
78-289	14.6.78	1520	Brighton, Sussex	Round, gold object	C4b	A FOX
78-290	21.12.78	1900	Wrexham, Clwyd	Cylindrical object with ball	C3b	C BORD
78-351	24.10.78	2150	Shotesham, Norfolk	Two orange pencil- like objects	C3b	P JOHNSON
78-352	24.10.78	2145	Surlingham, Norfolk	Two ' light-shafts ', three ' globes '	C3b	P JOHNSON
78-357	12.5.78	1630	Thetford, Norfolk	Two dull grey ' de- flated footballs '	C3c	K WILLIAMSON
78-361	29.10.78	1430	Norwich, Norfolk	Two silver, silver- black objects	C3b	P JOHNSON
78-396	26.9.78	1730	Otterburn, N'h'land	Domed metallic object	C3b	B HARTLEY

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78-399	31.12.78	1900	Wigan., Lancs	Black object, yellow trail	C3b	B HARTLEY
79-131	20.9.79	1845	London, W1	Silver boxlike object	C4b	—
79-133	12.11.79	1525	Shirley, Surrey	Black/grey oblong(s)	C3b	M HALL
79-134	1.11.79	1700	Lowestoft, Suffolk	White round object	C4b	D V STREET
79-135A	1.8.79	2130	Luton, Beds	Mass of lights	C4b	I COWLEY
79-135B	1.8.79	2200	„	Four bright lights	„	
79-136	27.8.79	Various	Edinburgh	Many starlike lights	C4c	S CAMPBELL
79-137	17.9.79	1830	Lyminge, Kent	Crescent shape	C3c	V MARTIN
79-138	8.11.79	1635	Uphall, W Lothian	Pale, round object	C4c	S CAMPBELL
79-139	25.6.79	1300	Worcester	Flashing, starlike object	C4c	A GREEN
79-143	2.8.79	0030	Tunstall, Staffs	White object	C4b	S W BANKS
79-144	16.9.79	2310	Astonfields, Stafford	Round objects with lights	C3c	
79-145A	22.10.79	2200	Stafford	Round, red object	C4b	
79-145B	„	„	„	„ „ „	„	
79-146A	22.10.79	2230	Hanley, Staffs	Silent, bright oval	C4a	M KEATMAN
79-146B	„	2228	„ „	Bright object	„	
79-147	12.11.79	1940	Endon, Staffs	Object with flashing lights	C4a	M KEATMAN
79-148	12.11.79	1938	Radford, Notts	Triangular object	C4a	MURO
79-149	12.11.79	1945	Nr Codnor, Derby	White LITS	C4a	MURO
79-150	12.11.79	1940	Milton, Staffs	Shape with lights	C4a	S W BANKS
79-151	12.11.79	1940	Cheadle, Staffs	Triangular object	C4a	S W BANKS
79-152	28.10.79	1600-1700	Longport, Staffs	White Lights	C4b	S W BANKS
79-158	9.1.79	1610	W Bromwich, W Midlands	Orange cigar	C3b	E J HORTON
79-160	20.12.79	am	Folkestone, Kent	Hazy white object	C4c	A HALL
79-162	Dec	2000	Hurst Green, Sussex	Objects with lights	C4c	A FOX
79-163	24.9.79	2000-2030	Haddington, E Lothian	Round, white ball	C4b	S CAMPBELL
79-164	9.11.79	1610	Leslie, Fife	Orange/pink object	C3b	S CAMPBELL
79-165	7.12.79	1830	Heriot, Midlothian	Line of lights	C4b	S CAMPBELL
79-166A	12.10.79	0730	Elland, W Yorks	Orange cigar	C4a	T WHITAKER
79-166B	12.10.79	0730	Warley, Halifax	Round red-orange object	C4a	
79-166C	12.10.79	0730	Luddesfoot, Yorks	Flarelike object	C4a	
79-167	9.11.79	2000-2030	Carinish, N Uist	Hazy, round object	C3b	S CAMPBELL
79-168	6-8.11.79	0930	Currie, Nr Edinburgh	Dull white object	C3c	S CAMPBELL
79-169	13.11.79	2000	Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk	Red/white LITS	B4b	D V STREET
79-171	7.12.79	2205	Milton Keynes, Bucks	Formation of 10 LITS	C4b	—
79-173	9.11.79	1900	Blairgowrie, Angus	Travelling LITS	C4b	S CAMPBELL

2nd London International UFO Congress

Dates: Sunday/Monday, 24/25 May 1981 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Venue: Mount Royal Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1.

Following the highly successful 1st Congress in August 1979, the programme for the second Congress is now being finalised. An eminent panel of speakers from the United States and Europe will shortly be announced. Amongst those expected to present papers are:—

Dr Bruce S Maccabee

—United States.

Dr Alain Esterle

—France.

Senor Jose Antonio Campana

—Spain.

Mr Charles Bowen

—Editor of *Flying Saucer Review*.

Eminent researchers from Sweden, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands and other countries have been invited to participate and Dr Hynek, Director of the *Center for UFO Studies* in the USA, for twenty years a civilian consultant to the US Air Force, is also expecting to attend.

The President of *Bufora*, Lord Kings Norton, engineer and scientist, is anticipating opening Congress and addressing the delegates. Congress proceedings will include a report updating the work of the *Provisional International Committee on UFO Research*: following a session in Copenhagen during October 1980, a London meeting of this Committee immediately prior to the Congress is anticipated.

A full Congress programme will shortly be published, giving bibliographies of the speakers and details of papers. An exhibition of UFO research material will be on display, and groups of ufologists or organisations at home or abroad are welcome to participate after

clearance from the co-ordinator. UFO groups wishing to circularise their members with Congress details can obtain leaflets on application to the Secretariat. (*Please state numbers required*).

A special ticket only Congress Dinner hosted by Lord Kings Norton is planned for the Sunday evening, and negotiations are in hand to obtain one of the best UFO films to be shown after the Dinner.

As in 1979, a special combined Rail/Hotel Congress 'Package' will be arranged through *Grand Metropolitan Hotels*: this will mean considerable saving for those outside London. Full details shortly.

We anticipate this second Congress will be of great interest, both to unbiased ufologists and to the scientific establishment and look forward to your support.

KEEP 24 and 25 May 1981 FREE!

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Book Reviews

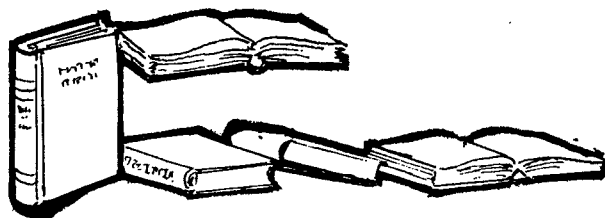
Signs of the Gods?

Erich von Daniken,

Souvenir Press

June, 1980.

252pp £5.95.



What can one say about Von Daniken that is new? The dust cover of his latest offering quotes *Time Out* magazine as follows: "... *His books are the result of almost-maniacal travelling, relentless research and intelligent scientific evaluation.*" To say that some may disagree with this assessment is, perhaps, a slight understatement!

The book itself is a mixture of the oft-repeated, exemplified by the chapter on the Ark of the Covenant, and material—for example the chapters on Malta and Zimbabwe—I have not hitherto seen mentioned elsewhere, the whole being spiced with some intriguing ideas on racial origins and cloning.

Once again the author has produced a provocative book. Many will consider his ideas have considerable merit: others will doubtless pour cold water on his researches and qualifications. If precedent is anything to go by, though, it is sure to sell a bomb!

T Huntington.

Alien Animals

Janet & Colin Bord

Granada Publishing, March 1980.

258pp £7.95.

Alien Animals, as the authors tell us, '*about impossibilities*,' for it contains reports of unidentifiable animals, and of known animals, seen where they should not be.

'Alien animals' discussed include

Lake Monsters: Bigfoot, Large Black Dogs: Giant Birds/Birdmen and Hairy Anthropoids, the coverage being world-wide.

At first glance the price is high, but the book's 258 information-packed pages include many diagrams, drawings and photographs (amongst them a 'Page 3' type picture of '*sky-clad*' witches!) more than make up for this. Possible UFO associations are by no means neglected and readers will find the authors' speculations and conclusions very interesting indeed.

Any book by the Bords is always meticulously prepared: this one is no exception, and two appendices, very full notes, together with a detailed index and bibliography are included. Highly recommended, both for its very readable content and the factual presentation.

Norman Oliver.

Genesis

W A Harbinson

Corgi Books (Paperback),

October, 1980. 606pp £1.75.

Remember Alternative Three? Fiction presented (more or less) as Fact? Genesis appears to be fiction presented as fiction in the fond hope that readers will believe that the facts in the fiction mean the fiction is fact! Have I lost you? If I haven't, this novel, with its 600+ pages assuredly will, for the facts

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and the fiction are so cleverly intertwined. Nor does the pre-publication 'Blurb' help matters much, for it quotes the author as saying: "*Genesis could only have been written as a novel because the facts on which its it based unravel one of the most controversial mysteries of our times—the true source and nature of UFOs.*"

However, this author really has done his homework, for his characters quote almost hundreds of UFO and UFO-associated events with, as far as I can tell, absolute accuracy of detail. Nor are UFOs the only highly-researched field, for almost every reference, be it scientific or of Fortean phenomena appears to have been painstakingly tracked to source.

To attempt to describe the plot in a few words would be a sheer impossibility. Suffice it to say that the theme places the origin of UFOs in the 19th century and Earth-indigenous. Men In Black: the CIA: Ruppelt: McDonald: Klass: the US Air Force: undersurface bases: Foo Fighters: Ghost Rockets, German Secret weapons: hypnotic regression: the Philadelphia Experiment are all featured—and that list is but a fraction of the whole! My only criticism of the numerous UFO references is that the author omits those that do not favour his theme (a criticism which may be levelled at many more 'factual' books) and that he does not take account of pre-19th century UFO associations.

So far as the story goes, my feeling is that the 'solution' is not sufficiently dramatic to warrant the lengthy detail and build-up involved: whilst, too, I do not normally find the intrusion of sex and four-letter words objectionable, to me, the portions of the book where these were presented just did not seem to 'gell' with the (sometimes almost boring) long lists of UFO and scientifically orientated material.

If Genesis is ever made into a film, it will be Exodus for me!

T Huntington.

Astronauts of Ancient Japan

Vaughn M Greene

**Prentice/Hall International,
July 1980**

£4.50. Paper only. 164pp.

One may well balk at the price of this Dogu-orientated book, first published in the USA in 1978: despite a mere 164pp, however, it is larger than the average paperback and most pages are packed full of information.

Whether or not one takes this information—which covers almost everything from Shaver's 'Dero's' and 'Tero's' and 'UFOs over Japan' to Lemuria and 'Undersea Goblins'—as gospel must entirely depend on the individual and I must admit I was by no means happy about some of the author's conclusions, which include the thought that Hiroshima and Nagasaki may have been chosen as atomic targets in a deliberate attempt to smear Christianity: it cannot be denied, though, that a considerable amount of wide-ranging research has been put in and certainly the book makes interesting reading.

Dogu-orientated? What exactly are Dogus? The author tells us these 'strange little figures' have been called 'everything from dolls to gynecological artifacts' and 'They definitely do not resemble any other statuary in the world,' going on to list more than thirty similarities that he considers prove them to be space suits of ancient astronauts. The content includes a number of photographs and diagrams, including one of the 'Dogu Mark V model space-suit' with explanatory notes. Whilst of doubtful appeal to the scientifically-orientated, nevertheless this book offers

numerous thought-provoking ideas, which the author's thoroughness makes appear far less outrageous than parallel propositions from his contemporaries.

Observing UFOs— An Investigative Handbook

Richard F Haines

**Nelson-Hall (Chicago), March 1980
\$21.95 cloth: \$10.95 paper. 300pp.**

Bufora members who attended the Nottingham Conference in April 1978 will recall Dr Haines as our guest speaker on that occasion, as well as *'his insistence on interdisciplinary measures for discussing and trying to solve this interesting phenomenon.'* (Bf, Vol 7, No 2, July/August 1978).

A professional psychologist, the author has produced a comprehensive guide-book *'covering all relevant physiological and psychological facts.'* Aside from demonstrating how easy it is to misidentify numerous natural and man-made phenomena, the author goes to considerable lengths to show how observers themselves may quite unconsciously distort what they see: how investigators may compound such errors, omissions and exaggerations: to explain the factors involved and how to detect and (hopefully) avoid some of the pitfalls.

A serious and valuable contribution to scientific UFO research, the book is still very readable to the layman. More than 70 figures and tables are included, as well as a comprehensive index and bibliography together with a 20-page glossary. About the only point I could take exception to was the address for Bufora shown as that of the former address of Dr John Cleary Baker, who vacated our editorial chair back in 1973! Scarcely a reason, however, to criticise the remainder of the content!

An excellent book. Every investigator should read it.

Norman Oliver.

Personal Column

New Zealand ufologist, age 37, would like to correspond with any English person interested in UFO activity in this part of the world. Please write to Mr Dennis Rodway, PO Box 761, Blenheim, New Zealand.

UFO Country. Holiday chalet to Let, Nolton Haven, St Brides Bay, Pembrokeshire, W Wales. Send SAE for details to R Jones Pugh, Parkland Place, St Brides View, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembs, W Wales. Tel: Camrose 246.

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Interested in contact ideas, research, attempts, original approaches? SAE please to Box FM, 95 Taunton Road, London SE12 8PA.

Kensington Lectures 1980/81

By now those members able to get to Kensington Central Library on the first Saturday in each month will have attended—and, we trust, enjoyed—the first three talks in the current series: reviews will appear in later journals. Here are details of the rest of the series from December onwards:—

Sat, 6 December 1980: Annual General Meeting followed by lecture.

7.00 pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (*Non-members may attend but not vote*).

8.30 pm Odd Encounters of a Curious Kind. *Speaker: Alan Watts, BSc, FRMetS.*

Saturday, 3 January, 1981: 7 pm.

Life on Earth—a fluke? *Speaker: Martin Heath, BSc, AKC.*

Saturday, 7 February 1981: 7 pm.

The Entity Enigma *Speaker: Hilary Evans.*

Saturday, 7 March 1981 7 pm.

Research Evening *Chaired by Anthony R Pace, FRAS.*

Saturday, 4 April 1981: 7 pm.

UFOs without Prejudice *Speaker: Ian Watson, MA, BLit(Oxon).*

Saturday, 9 May 1981: 7 pm.

The Janos People: A Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind

Speaker: Frank Johnson.

Saturday, 6 June 1981: 7 pm.

What does it all mean? *Speaker: Sir John Whitmore.*

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Investigator Training Course

An experimental one-day training Seminar will be held at Bromley (Kent) Central Library, on Saturday, 13 December 1980, commencing at 11 am and finishing at app 7 pm. Whilst the venue is more suitable for the southern counties, the seminar will be open to all *Bufora* members, and it is hoped that similar sessions will be organised for other parts of the country in the future. Some supplementary literature will be available from the end of January.

On beginning the course, unofficial investigators will receive an ID card marked "In Training": after completion of the (entire) course satisfactorily a full official card will be issued.

The course is intended to provide a basis for developing a personal technique for interviewing witnesses whilst using uniform and standard methods of recording data. *Bufora's* Chairman, Leslie Bayer, MBE, will open the Seminar proceedings and speakers will include Vice-Chairman Norman Oliver and senior members of *Bufora's* Research and Investigation Depts.

Although no charge will be made for attending the Seminar, there are some basic requirements. The *UFO Investigators Handbook* will be used during the course and members are advised to bring their copies, also pen and notepaper. Some copies of the *Handbook* will be available at the Seminar at the usual price of £3. Refreshments will be served at intervals, but members are advised to bring a packed lunch.

To book a place at the Seminar, or to enrol for the course, please complete the enclosed enrolment slip and post it to the NIC by 30 November: venue details will then be sent. All current investigators are advised to enrol.

Important—As from 1 January, 1981, all ID cards will be valid for one year only and investigators are requested to send their current ID cards to the NIC for renewal.



Every time we land in Scotland I get a split personality—I think I'm a ball of lightning!

People

We extend a warm welcome to the following, whose applications for membership were approved by Council at their meetings on 2 February 1980, 12 April 1980 and 7 June 1980:

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